THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): Government is aware of press reports about a planned visit by the Pakistan Army Chief to China which has been deferred. Government is fully aware of the long-standing defence cooperation between China and Pakistan, including supply of equipment, materials and technology. Government has conveyed our security concerns in this regard in our bilateral discussions with various countries, including with China.

The latest reports regarding supplies by China of weapons and missile components to Pakistan provide furher evidence substantiating international concern regarding clandestine external assistance to Pakistan's nuclear weapons and missile programme. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and national interests in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

दूतावसों के कार्यकरण का मूल्यांकन

3279. **श्री गोविन्दराम गिरी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार द्वारा विदेशों में भारतीय दूतावासों के कार्यकरण और वहां नियुक्त कर्मचारियों की कार्यप्रणाली का वर्ष में कितनी बार मूल्यांकन किया जाता है;

(ख) क्या कई दूतावासों से बड़ी संख्या में शिकायत प्राप्त होती है / प्राप्त हो रही है / प्राप्त हुई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या सरकार को वानकुवर, कनाडा के दूतावास के एक उच्च अधिकारी और एक महिला कर्मचारी के विरुद्ध संसद सदस्यों को प्राप्त हुई गुप्त शिकायतों की जानकारी है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे): (क) सरकार द्वारा प्रशासनिक परिपत्रों, सरकारी आदेशों, आवधिक निरीक्षणों और लेखा परीक्षा दलों के माध्यम से विदेश स्थित अपने मिशनों की कार्यप्रणाली की नियमित रूप से देख-रेख की जाती है। जो वरिष्ठ अधिकारी मिशनों का दौरा करते हैं, वे भी मिशनों की कार्यप्रणाली की जांच करते हैं।

(ख) और (ग) मिशनों द्वारा प्रदान की जा रही सेवाओं के संबंध में समय-समय पर कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त होती हैं। इन शिकायतों की जांच की जाती है तथा जब कभी आवश्यक समझा जाता है उन पर तुरन्त उपचारी कार्रवाई की जाती है।

(घ) और (ङ) सरकार को वेंकूवर स्थित प्रधान कोंसलावास अथवा कनाडा में स्थित किसी भी केन्द्र के अधिकारी (अधिकारियों) के संबंध में संसद सदस्य (सदस्यों) द्वारा प्राप्त किसी गुप्त शिकायत की कोई जानकारी नहीं है। तथापि, कनाडा में भारतीय मिशनों की कार्यप्रणाली के बारे में जब भी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त होती है, उस पर तुरन्त कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Shipment of Nuclear Material to Pakistan

3280. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express, dated 5th June, 1998 regarding fresh shipment of nuclear material to Pakistan by China; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction with regard thereto in the context of recent political developments in the sub-continent in the wake of nuclear tests both by India and Pakistant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The latest reports regarding supplies by China of weapons and missile components to pakistan provide further evidence substitating international concern regarding clandestine external assistance to Pakistan's nuclear weapons and missile programme. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and

national interests in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

Area under Illegal Occupation of China

3281. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total sector-wise Indian area under illegal occupation of China;

(b) whether there has been any discussion on vacation of this area by China during the India-China talks which have taken place during the last few years; and

(c) if so, the broad details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The part of Indian territory under illegal occupation by China in the State of Jammu & Kashmir has an area of approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement' of 1963 Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. Kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

(b) and (c) India and China are committed to work towards a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question. Both countries are discussing the boundary question in the framework of the India-China Joint Working Group and India-China Expert Group. The Agreement on Maintenance of Border Peace and Tranquillity, signed in 1993, and the Agreement on Confidence Building Measures, signed in November 1996, contribute to maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas.

Plea of U.S. Congressman for keeping Pakistan on Terrorism watch list

3282. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times, dated 15th June, 1998 captioned "Congressman Frank" Pallon assails Pak for support to militants in Jammu and Kashmir-Plea to place Islamabad on terrorism watch list." and

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn the attention of the US and other friendly democratic countries on the heinous role of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence directorate in the recent wave of violence against innocent Hindu civilians in Jammu indicating month-wise killings for the last six months, particularly in Jammu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Government's attention has been drawn to the captioned news-item published in the Hindustan Times of June 25,1998.

(b) Government have been drawing the attention of the Government of United States and other friendly governments, through bilateral and multilateral forums to the issue of Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India. The recent wave of violence against innocent civilians in Jammu & Kashmir has also been brought to their attention.

Observations made at P-5 Meeting of the Security Council

3283. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'P-5' meeting of the Security Council held in Geneva in June this year consdiered ways and means to